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1. IN A DISCUSSION ON KY'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY WITH EMBOFFS JULY 5 [redacted] MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. [redacted] MAINTAINED KY NOW HAS 147 TENTATIVE ENDORSEMENTS FROM PROVINCIAL COUNCILMEN, ALTHOUGH PROVINCE CHIEFS ARE HINDERING KY'S EFFORTS.

B. KY AND MINH MET JULY 1 AGREEING FORMALLY TO COORDINATE THEIR CAMPAIGNS AGAINST "THE COMMON ENEMY." CAMPAIGN STAFFS WILL COOPERATE ON REGULAR BASIS, PARTICULARLY ON ENDORSEMENTS AND MUTUAL SUPPORT THROUGH NEWSPAPERS.

C. [redacted] CLAIMED WHICHEVER CHALLENGER WINS, HE WOULD WORK WITH THE OTHER AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

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D. [redacted] KY WAS CONSIDERING PLANS IF HE WAS ELECTED TO HOLD A POPULAR REFERENDUM 12 MONTHS AFTER ELECTION TO REVISE ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT. KY WAS ALSO CONSIDERING A "LEOPARD SPOT" CEASEFIRE SCHEME WHICH [redacted] WOULD INVOLVE DIVISION OF GVN TERRITORY. HE ADDED KY WOULD FORMALLY ANNOUNCE HIS CAMPAIGN PLATFORM IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

2. [redacted] ALSO NOTED THAT KY'S ABLE FORMER ADVISER, DANG DUC KHOI, IS NOW IN VIET-NAM BUT WILL RETURN AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS TO THE US TO PROPAGANDIZE FOR KY.

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